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NATURE OF CALL: MURDER SUSPECT IN CUSTODY
LOCATION OF CALL: NORTON GRADE ROAD, COLFAX
CASE NUMBER: SO 01 6145
RELEASED BY: LT. RICK ARMSTRONG 530.889.7816

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

At approximately 0515 hours today Placer County Sheriff's Dispatch received a call from a Colfax residence reporting an intruder in his residence. He further advised that the suspect was beating him and his wife and he felt his wife might be dead. Responding units discovered the male victim on the floor of his residence suffering numerous head wounds. A female victim was located on the living room floor dead from what appeared to be numerous head wounds. Medical care was given to the male victim who was eventually life flighted to the hospital.

Deputies broadcasted the suspect description and began an intensive manhunt. Approximately 20 deputies and CHP officers, several canine units and helicopters from the California Highway Patrol and the Placer County Sheriff were involved in the search.

At approximately 0737 hours an employee of a local mini mart called Sheriff's dispatch to report a suspicious subject in her business. She told dispatch the suspect appeared nervous, had bloody hands and fresh cuts on his head. Sgt. Matt Holguin arrived in the area and located a subject matching that description at another local business on South Auburn Street. He made contact with this individual and requested investigators to come to the scene. Placer County Sheriff's investigators conducted a preliminary investigation and subsequently arrested the individual for Suspicion of Murder. The suspect, Jay Conrad Johnson 44, a transient living on the American River, is being held without bail charged with Murder. The identity of the victims is being withheld until notification of the next of kin.

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